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A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF HECTOR A. MORALES, JR.

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1 Hector A. Morales, Jr. passed away on March 12, 2010 at the age of
2 seventy-six.

3 Born in Tucson in 1933, Hector Morales resided in Tucson nearly all of
4 his life and became a noted civic and community leader. After graduating
5 early from Tucson High School in 1950, he served his nation in the Korean War
6 as a serviceman in the United States Marine Corps and in the United States
7 Air Force. He then studied architectural engineering at the University of
8 Arizona before serving as the deputy county assessor and as a member of the
9 Tucson City Council. He went on to serve in numerous capacities, including
10 executive director of the Committee for Economic Opportunity, manager of
11 Morris K. Udall's congressional campaign, executive assistant for Regional
12 Operations in President Carter's administration, volunteer lobbyist for the
13 United Farm Workers, field services representative for Neighborhood
14 Reinvestment Corporation, management assistant for Community Services with
15 the Arizona Department of Economic Security and director of El Pueblo Clinic.

16 Despite the demands of his career, Hector Morales gave freely of his
17 time, energy and efforts to numerous worthwhile organizations, including
18 service as founding president of the Pima County Employee Association,
19 founder of the area's Head Start program and Nosotros and a member of the
20 Southwest Fair Housing Board and the Pima County Health Board. He was
21 instrumental in the removal of the city sales tax on food and prescriptions,
22 in extending city water service to the Tohono O'odham and Pascua Yaqui tribes
23 and in the adoption of the Omnibus Civil Rights Ordinance, which ensured fair
24 housing, open accommodations and equal employment. He worked with Cesar
25 Chavez and Dolores Huerta on issues such as pesticides and union organizing,
26 traveled throughout the country assisting local neighborhood housing services
27 organizations in forming resident-government-lender partnerships, and worked
28 to develop programs to design refugee resettlement programs. In all he did,
29 Hector Morales worked diligently to better the lives of poor and
30 disadvantaged individuals, and his tremendous efforts earned him the respect
31 and admiration of all who knew him.

32 Hector Morales will be greatly missed by his wife of fifty-four years,
33 Elsa, his children, Hector, Debra, Carlos, Andres and Javier, his nine
34 grandchildren and his many friends and colleagues in the southern Arizona
35 community.

36 Therefore

37 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

38 That the Members of the House of Representatives express regret at the
39 death of Hector A. Morales, Jr. and extend their deepest sympathies to his
40 surviving family members.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 20, 2010.

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